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20 JANUARY - 6 FEBRUARY 1971

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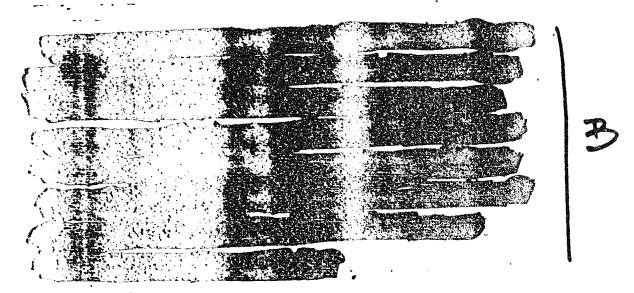
EXECUTION OF TWO U.S. PRISONERS OF WAR BY VIET CONG

IN TAKED PROVINCE, CAMBOIA

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1. ON 20 JANUARY 1971 TWO CAUCASIAN U.S. PRISONERS OF WAR POWY, THREE CAMBODIAN POW'S, TWO IN MILITARY UNIFORM AND ONE IN CIVILIAN CLOTHES, AND TWO SOUTH VIETNAMESE CIVILIANS WERE



IMPRISORED BY THE VIET CONG / VC/ IN A CAVE ON NUI / MOUNTAIN/ GIAI, TINH BIEN DISTRICT, CHAU DOC PROVINCE, SOUTH VIETNAM // / VS920579/. THE TWO U.S.

PON'S VERE KEPT BLINDFOLDED BUT NOT BOUND. ALL SEVEN PRISONERS

VERE KEPT ON NUT GIAL FROM 20-26 JANUARY 1971--THEY WERE MOVED

IN A GROUP FROM ONE HOLDING AREA ICANOTHER SEVERAL TIMES

DELLY AT TEREGULAR INTERVALS. THEY USUALLY MOVED AT LEAST ONCE

SETUEEN 2400 AND 0300 HOURS. THE U.S. PRISONERS WERE INDIVID
UALLY REMOVED FROM THE GROUP OF PRISONERS AT TEREGULAR HOURS

FOR PERIODS RANGING FROM ONE TO THREE HOURS AT A TIME, ALWAYS

AT NIGHT.

COMMENT--THE AMERICANS WERE PROBABLY PEING

INTERPOGATED AT THESE TIMES DECAUSE THE TWO VIETNAMESE WERE

"A SCIEVEN FROM THE GROUP INDIVIDUALLY FOR INTERROGATIONS WHICH

USUALLY LASTED SEVERAL HOURS

WERE PHYSICALLY HARMED DURING THESE INTERROGATIONS. / ONE OF
THE CAME OF TAN PRISONERS ATTEMPTED TO CONVERSE WITH THE
AMERICANS IN ENGLISH BUT WAS IMMEDIATELY REPRIMANDED BY HIS



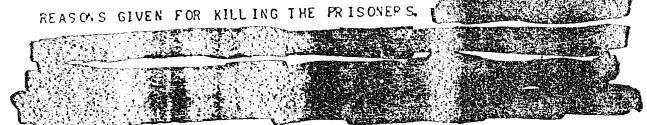
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VC CAFLORS WHO SAID TALKING AMONG THE PRISONERS WAS FOREIDDEN.
THE PRISCHERS WERE FED SWEET POTATOES AND SALTED RICE TWICE
DAILY, USUALLY AT 1800 HOURS AND AT 1580 HOURS. THE AMERICANS
HAD NOT EVEN WOUNDED.

ON THE NIGHT OF 26 JANUARY ALL SEVEN PRISONERS WERE MOVED FROM NUI GIAI INTO TAKEO PROVINCE, CAMBODIA, VIC VS795695, WHERE THEY WERE KEPT CLOSE TO THE BASE OF THE MOUNTAIN IN A PENSE JUNGLE AREA. THE PRISONERS WERE ESCORTED BY ABOUT 70 VC OF THE 512TH LOCAL FORCE BATTALION AND TINH BIEN DISTRICT UNIT UNDER THE COMMAND OF DOAN BINH P H O N G. SEPRETARY OF THE TINH BIEN DISTRICT COMMITTEE. AFTER ENTERING CAMBODIA THE BLINDFOLDS WERE REMOVED FROM THE AMERICAN PRIS-CHERS AND THEY WERE BOUND TOGETHER BY THEIR WRISTS. CAMBODIA THE PRISONERS WERE MOVED TO NEW LOCATIONS SEVERAL TIMES DAILY AT IRREGULAR INTERVALS. ON 5 FEBRUARY THE IMO VIETNAMESE PRISONERS AND THE CAMBODIAN PRISONER DRESSED IN CIVILIAN OLOTHES WERE ORDERED TO DIG FOUR GRAVES. THAT SAME EVENING THE TWO AMERICANS AND THE TWO FATIGUE-CLAD. CAME O IANS WERE TAKEN TO THE EDGES OF THE GRAVES AND SHOT. THE BOOIES FELL INTO THE PREPARED GRAVES AND THE PRISONERS WHO HAD DUG



THE GRAVES THEN FILLED THEM AGAIN. THERE WAS NO TRIAL HELD FOR THE PRISONERS PRICE TO THE EXECUTION NOR WERE THERE ANY



J. /FIELD COMMENT-- ON THE NIGHT OF 16 JANUARY CONTACT WITH THE ENEMY ON TA EEC MOUNTAIN / VIC VS947689/ RESULTED IN THE DEATHS OF SEVEN U.S. SOLDIERS. TWO OTHER SOLDIERS, WHOM THE JOINT PRISONER RECOVERY CENTER HAS IDENTIFIED AS FIRST LIEUTENANT GERALD F. KINSMAN AND SERGEANT JAKES A. HARWOOD.

WERE REPORTED MISSING IN ACTION.

ON THE NIGHT OF 18 JANUARA

THE 9TH VÇ DIVISION DURING THIS ACTION, FROM TA PEC MOUNTAIN VIC VS945678/ TO 0-TA-NOC /VS975593/ AND SUPSEQUENTLY TO NUI GIAI WHERE HE WAS TURNED OVER TO THE TINH BIEN DISTRICT PARTY COMMITTEE./

4. FIELD DISSEM-STATE /AMBASSADOR BUNKER, DEPUTY AMBASSADOR BERGER, MINISTER COUNSEL OR POLITICAL/, USMACV / GENERAL ABRAMS,



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